

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

February 20, 2024

3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator David Wilson, Chair
Senator James Kaufman, Vice Chair
Senator Löki Tobin
Senator Forrest Dunbar
Senator Cathy Giessel

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 149

"An Act relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED SB 149 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 149

SHORT TITLE: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) GIESSEL

05/13/23	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
05/13/23	(S)	HSS, FIN
02/13/24	(S)	HSS AT 3:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
02/13/24	(S)	Heard & Held
02/13/24	(S)	MINUTE(HSS)
02/20/24	(S)	HSS AT 3:30 PM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

PAIGE BROWN, Staff
Senator Cathy Giessel
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Offered closing comments for SB 149.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR DAVID WILSON called the Senate Health and Social Services Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Tobin, Kaufman, Dunbar, Giessel and Chair Wilson.

SB 149-FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

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CHAIR WILSON announced the consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 149 "An Act relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

CHAIR WILSON stated the initial hearing for SB 149 was on February 13, 2024. The bill was introduced, and invited and public testimony were heard. No amendments were received.

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PAIGE BROWN, Staff, Senator Cathy Giessel, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, offered closing comments for SB 149. She clarified that SB 149 would not cost the state money in terms of the actual benefit. The federal government covers it 100 percent. The state currently pays 50 percent of the operating cost for the program, which is the reason for a fiscal note.

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CHAIR WILSON solicited the will of the committee.

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SENATOR KAUFMAN moved to report SB 149, work order 33-LS0854\A, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR WILSON found no objection and SB 149 was reported from the Senate Health and Social Services Standing Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Wilson adjourned the Senate Health and Social Services Standing Committee meeting at 3:33 p.m.